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THE SENSE OF WONDER

Rachel Carson Intergenerational Photo, Essay and Poetry Contest

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On May 27, 2007, the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's life. She was an American biologist who cared deeply about the natural world around her.

In *The Sense of Wonder*, Ms. Carson wrote that she would endow every child with "a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life." However, "if a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in."

To honor this amazing woman, the EPA, Generations United, and the Rachel Carson Council, Inc., are sponsoring a photo, essay, and poetry contest "that best expresses the Sense of Wonder that you feel for the sea, the night sky, forests, birds, wildlife, and all that is beautiful to your eyes." We want you to share this love of nature with a child and others around you. When we teach our eyes and ears and senses to focus on the wonders of nature, we open ourselves to the wonders around us.

Submissions are due by **Friday, June 15, 2007**. The finalists will be selected by a panel of judges. Then the public will be asked to vote for their favorites in each category: photography, essay, and poetry. Entries must be joint projects involving a person under age 18 and a person age 50 or older.

The winners will be posted on the websites of: EPA, Generations United, and the Rachel Carson Council, Inc.:

www.epa.gov/aging

www.gu.org

<http://members.aol.com/rccouncil/ourpage/>

More information: www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm

